

## REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

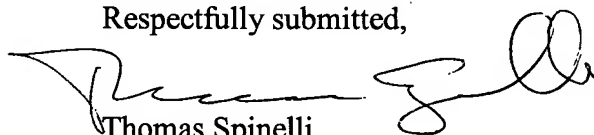
Initially, the Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 6-15 are allowed.

However, in the Official Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by W.O. Patent No. 00/45867 to Bihner (hereinafter "Bihner"). Furthermore, the Examiner rejects claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0171822 A1 to Lo (hereinafter "Lo").

In response, claims 1-5 have been canceled, thereby rendering the rejections thereof under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 102(e) moot. Consequently, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 102(e) be withdrawn.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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